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FOR DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AODE, AFSP, APER, DR
SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

REF: STATE 185025

1. I AM SORRY TO BE SO LONG IN REPLYING TO YOUR CABLE ABOUT THE ICA REGIONAL LIBRARIAN POSITION. I HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND WHEN I ARRIVED HERE THAT THE TRANSFER OF THIS POSITION TO SANTO DOMINGO WAS A FAIT ACCOMPLI. THE REGIONAL LIBRARIAN HAS IN FACT BEEN HERE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS, BASED, I AM TOLD, ON THE ORAL AGREEMENT OF BOF HURWITCH TO PLACE THE POSITION IN SANTO DOMINGO.

2. WE ARE ABOUT TO BREAK GROUND FOR A NEW CULTURAL CENTER AS PART OF THE PHYSICAL COMPLEX OF THE INSTITUTO CULTURAL DOMINICO-AMERICANO. EXCELLENT NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THIS COMPLEX (INCLUDING, INCIDENTALLY, AN OFFICE FOR THE REGIONAL LIBRARIAN). FOR A PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE OPENING OF THIS FACILITY NEXT YEAR -- PERHAPS FOUR TO SIX MONTHS -- WE WILL BADLY
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NEED AN EXPERIENCED LIBRARIAN HERE TO HIRE AND TRAIN COMPETENT STAFF. THE PRESENCE OF A REGIONAL LIBRARIAN IN SANTO DOMINGO WOULD PERMIT ONGOING ATTENTION TO THIS AND SUBSTANTIALLY EASE THE TASK OF PROVIDING THE HELP THAT WILL BE NEEDED.

3. THUS, FROM OUR OWN PAROCHIAL VIEWPOINT, I WOULD LIKE

TO HAVE THE POSITION HERE. WHETHER SANTO DOMINGO WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE FOR A REGIONAL LIBRARIAN THAN WASHINGTON IS NOT CLEAR. I SUSPECT IT WOULD BE, KNOWING THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF WASHINGTON. IN VIEW OF THE BACKGROUND, AND THE MARGINALITY OF THE ARGUMENT FOR WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT, I DOUBT IF THIS IS A PARTICULARLY GOOD CASE FOR A MODE FIGHT.

4. IN SUM, WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT THE POSITION BUT I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST DISTURBING THE SITUATION IF YOU HAVE ANY FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.
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